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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM FY 1978 - UGT
METALWORKERS TEAM

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PLEASE PASS EUR LABOR ADVISER DAN GOOTT, GERALD HOLMES
(ILAB, DEPT OF LABOR), AND ED MCHALE (IOP/DP-LABOR, ICA)

1. FOR REASONS EXPLAINED BELOW, TIMING AND ARRANGEMENTS
FOR VISIT OF UGT METALWORKERS TEAM HAVE BEEN MODIFIED.
TEAM LEADER AND RESIDENT IMF (INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS
FEDERATION) REPRESENTATIVE FOR SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, CARLOS
PARDO, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THEY MUST NOW TIME TRIP
TO ALLOW THEM TO ATTEND THE IMF-SPONSORED 7TH WORLD
CONFERENCE OF AUTOMOBILE WORKERS IN DETROIT LATE MAY-
EARLY JUNE. THEY PLAN DEPART FROM MADRID MAY 25 IN ORDER
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TO PARTICIPATE IN UAW PROGRAM MAY 26-28 AT UAW'S FAMILY
EDUCATION CENTER IN ONAWAY, MICHIGAN, AND THEN ATTEND
DETROIT CONFERENCE MAY 29-JUNE 1. FOR THIS INITIAL
MICHIGAN VISIT, UGT TEAM WOULD CONSIST OF PARDO, LUIS
MADRID AND (REPLACING JOSE LUIS CORCUERO) JOSE ARBOL
(26-YEAR OLD MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UGT METAL-
WORKERS, EMPLOYEE OF SEAT AUTOMOBILE PLANT IN BARCELONA).

2. INASMUCH AS IT APPEARED THAT IMF HAD BEEN PREPARED TO PAY INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL FOR SPANISH CONFERENCE DELEGATES TO AND FROM U.S. IN ANY EVENT, LABATT PROPOSED IDEA SHARING COSTS WITH IMF SECGEN HERMAN REBHAN (FROM THE UAW, AND RESIDENT IN GENEVA). LABATT SUGGESTED THAT IMF HANDLE EXPENSES OF AIR TRAVEL TO AND FROM U.S., PLUS PER DIEM COSTS MAY 25-JUNE 1 DURING PERIOD UGT GROUP ATTENDS PRE-CONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE EVENTS. IVP WOULD HANDLE PER DIEM AND INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR REMAINDER OF VISIT, I.E. JUNE 2-JUNE 17. GROUP WOULD RETURN TO SPAIN JUNE 17. REBHAN STATED THIS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

3. WE PROPOSE ONE MORE MODIFICATION. CORCUERO WAS DROPPED FROM DETROIT CONFERENCE VISIT BECAUSE A) HE IS A STEELWORKER, NOT AN AUTOMOBILE WORKER AND B) HE HAS TO ATTEND THE MAY 25-28 UGT CONGRESS IN BARCELONA. CORCUERO HAS JUST BEEN NAMED ACTING SECGEN OF THE UGT METALWORKERS, AND PARDO URGES STRONGLY THAT HE JOIN THEM IN DETROIT JUNE 1 FOR REMAINDER OF VISIT. EMBASSY HAS AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL, AND WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT GROUP BE EXPANDED TO FOUR.

4. TO RECAPITULATE, UGT METALWORKERS TRIP WOULD NOW SHAPE UP AS FOLLOWS:
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A. MAY 25 THROUGH JUNE 1, 3-MAN UGT METALWORKERS TEAM PARTICIPATING IN UAW PROGRAM AT ONAWAY, MICHIGAN (MAY 26-28) AND DETROIT CONFERENCE (MAY 29-JUNE 1). INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL EXPENSES (ROUNDTRIP) AS WELL AS PER DIEM FOR THIS PERIOD TO BE PAID BY IMF, WITH NO COST TO USG.

B. JUNE 2-JUNE 17, 4-MAN UGT METALWORKERS TEAM (NOW INCLUDING CORCUERO) WOULD COMMENCE IVP-SPONSORED PORTION OF U.S. VISIT, PROBABLY DEPARTING DETROIT JUNE 2 FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES (CORCUERO MAY 31 THROUGH JUNE 17; OTHER THREE JUNE 2 THROUGH JUNE 17 - PLUS ANY OTHER NORMAL IVP ALLOWANCES) WOULD BE CHARGED TO IVP. IN ADDITION, IVP WOULD PAY (ROUNDTRIP) INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL FOR CORCUERO, WHO WOULD DEPART MADRID MAY 31 IN ORDER TO JOIN GROUP IN DETROIT JUNE 1.

5. THE EMBASSY WILL USE FUNDS FROM REGULAR IVP ALLOCATION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SPAIN'S NEEDS WILL BE GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY WHEN THE AVAILABILITY OF FALLOUT FUNDS BECOMES CLEARER (REF B). WE WOULD ALSO DRAW ATTENTION

TO PARA 7 OF REF C WHICH FLAGS UGT METALWORKERS VISIT
AS AN ELEMENT IN THIS MISSION'S PROPOSED STEPPED-UP
LABOR PROGRAM FOR SPAIN.

6. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL FOLLOW. IN MEANTIME,
APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE ABOVE MODIFICATIONS. STABLER

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